

What is claimed is:

1. A method of controlling the surveillance of an area with a mobile terminal comprising the steps of:
 - 5 receiving a request for surveillance from the mobile terminal, identifying the area that is to be under surveillance, and orienting equipment to effect surveillance of the identified area.
 - 10 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of using information from the mobile terminal to identify the area that is to be under surveillance.
 - 15 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of using information from at least one base station to identify the area that is to be under surveillance.
 - 20 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of using information from global positioning system ground stations to identify the area that is to be under surveillance.
 - 25 5. The method of claim 2 wherein the area under surveillance is the area where the mobile terminal is located.
 - 30 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the location of the mobile terminal is determined from global positioning satellite signals.
 7. The method of claim 5 wherein the location of the mobile terminal is determined from the wireless network.
 8. The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of using the coordinates of the location of the mobile terminal to orient a video surveillance camera to focus in on the location of the mobile terminal.

9. The method of claim 5 wherein the location of the mobile terminal relative to that of the equipment to effect surveillance is used to aim the equipment toward the mobile terminal.

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10. The method of claim 5 wherein the equipment used to effect surveillance

11. The method of claim 5 wherein a person at the mobile terminal is in audio communication via the wireless network with an attendant at a video monitor.

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12. The method of claim 5 wherein the equipment used to effect surveillance remains focused for a fixed interval of time.

13. The method of claim 1 further comprising making a recording of the area under surveillance.

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14. The method of claim 1 wherein the request for surveillance from the mobile terminal is effected by activation a menu and selecting a surveillance option from the menu.

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15. The method of claim 1 wherein the request for surveillance from the mobile terminal is effected by entering a code.

16. The method of claim 16 wherein the code comprises one or more digits.

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17. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of recording data from the active equipment effecting surveillance of the identified area.